

SANITARY SEWER LATERAL REPAIR & REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (SLRRP) TOWN OF HERNDON, VA

The Town Council approved a program (SLRRP), which went into effect July 1, 1999. Under this program, the Town is responsible for certain **repairs** to residential sanitary sewer laterals. To fund the program, an initial **\$2.50 charge** per quarter was added to water and sewer bills of most residential customers. With the adoption of the FY 2003 budget, this fee has been reduced to **\$.50** per quarterly water and sewer residential billing.

Under the previous policy, homeowners were responsible for both the repairs and maintenance to the sewer lateral running between their property line and the Town's sewer main, including any portion of the line located in the public right-of-way. Sewer lateral repair costs in the public right-of-way could range from \$10,000 – \$15,000 depending on the depth of the lateral, placing a significant burden on the homeowner.

The policy requires the Town to perform repairs in the public right-of-way, representing a significant savings to residents faced with this problem. The quarterly fees are kept separate from water and sewer operational funds and are used only for repairs to the sewer lateral located between the homeowner's property line and the Town's sewer main. In addition, developers are now required to install a clean-out for unclogging the sewer line at the property or easement line. **Homeowners will still be responsible for sewer lateral maintenance between the dwelling and the property line and for clearing obstructed flow in the lateral from the dwelling to the sewer main.**

For additional information or questions about the program, please call the Department of Public Works, Utilities Maintenance Division at 703-435-6860. Thank you.

